stimate for providing a pump for flushing has also been called for. The other points are noted.

(3) Medical Relief—(*Concluded*).

124. Establishment of a Medical College at Trivandrum or Quilon.

Mr. S. Venkitakrishna Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) said that everyone would easily admit the necessity and utility of having trained physicians all over the State and that it was always desirable to get them trained in the best way possible in an up-to-date institution. The number of qualified medical men in Travancore was inadequate when compared with the growing population and many met with untimely death for want of proper medical advice and treatment.

Even with all the facilities afforded till recently by the Madras Government for the training of youths from Native States in the medical profession, the number was not adequate enough to meet the real necessities of the situation. He understood that the authorities in Burma as well as the Native States of Mysore, Travancore and Cochin were required to make, in future, their own arrangements for the training of medical men. It has, therefore, become necessary that the subject should receive the immediate attention of the Government. It was gratifying that the Government had sanctioned the opening of a Medical School at Trivandrum for the training of Hospital Assistants. If the proposal was only in the initial stage, the Member would urge that the standard of the proposed institution should be that of a Medical College. The Member requested a reconsideration of the scheme and the establishment of a Medical College instead of a Medical School. There need not be the fear that the Government could not be in a position to find appointments for all the Medical graduates who might be turned out year after year. Private practice would be lucrative and many would prefer private practice to Government appointments. Students would join the College in large numbers with the object of ultimately opening a Druggist's shop and a hospital of their own.

Regarding the question of finance involved in the scheme, the Member pointed out that the necessary but costly adjunct to every Medical School or College was a properly equipped Laboratory with up-to-date appliances. The chemical materials in the several Hospitals of the State were by far more than were available in other established Schools and Colleges. Thus 90% of the financial strain entailed in an infant institution would be saved. In course of time, with the increasing number of students, the College might become a self-supporting one like the Law-College.

Regarding the location of the proposed College, the Member said that Trivandrum was indeed preferable but, if for any reason the Capital was not selected for the purpose, Quilon was the next best place. There was a good stock of chemical apparatus at the Quilon Hospital which ranked next to the Trivandrum Hospital in efficiency and equipment. There were also big open spaces where a suitable building might be erected for the College. In addition to the above, it had also to be remembered that Quilon was centrally situated and the climate was very agreeable.

In conclusion, the Member prayed that the matter might receive the sympathetic and early attention of the Government and that the establishment of a Medical College either at Trivandrum or Quilon might soon be made an accomplished fact.

Dewan's reply.—The idea of having a Medical College for the State is, no doubt, good. But I fear that it will not be feasible to establish one in the near future. Of course, a College, if opened, will have to be affiliated to the Madras University, as otherwise there is no use in having one. The University authorities are likely to lay down stringent conditions in the matter of building, apparatus, professors, &c, before affiliation, which it would be impossible to satisfy, except by the expenditure of a large amount of money. After all, the need for a College is not so great as for a Medical School. A Medical School has already been sanctioned and that will be opened without much delay.

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